

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Many brave men and women have answered the call to defend our nation and the

values and freedoms for which we stand; and

WHEREAS: Durable and sustainable peace is made possible, in part, through the efforts of

our military members, both past and present, and their families, forging a better

future for our nation and the world; and

WHEREAS: Veterans, active duty service members, and military families deserve our

immense gratitude for their sacrifice and commitment; and

WHEREAS: The freedoms we enjoy today would not be possible without their bravery, pride,

courage, and sacrifice.

WHEREAS: Minnesotans express gratitude for the devotion of the Armed Forces and their

family members to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS: More than 300 cities, counties, businesses, and non-profits have joined

Minnesota's "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" program since 2008, and are now providing community support and employment assistance to veterans and

military families; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to set aside this day to thank those who undertake the great

responsibility of defending our liberties and protecting democracy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 28, 2018, as:

## MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August.





